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Hongkong, September 21, 1900.

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Hongkong, May 29, 1900.

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200 yards' INVITATION SWIMMING

HANDICAP.

Competitors:—A. A. ALVES (200 yds

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SPYRANI, and N. H. ALVES.

2 lengths' members' Handicap.

and

Water Polo Game, PORTUGAL versus

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Hongkong, October 8, 1900.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that

the Premium of \$25.00 per SHARE of

the NEW ISSUE of CAPITAL Authorized

at the Extraordinary General Meeting of

the Company held on 4th May, 1900, is

PAYABLE on or before MONDAY, the

1st of October Next.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 27th to

the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1900.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY

GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-

HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of

the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (Noon), on

SATURDAY, the 13th proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 28th inst.

to the 13th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHISON & Co.,

General Agents.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1900.

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NEW ISSUE SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified

that the SECOND CALL of \$3.00

(THREE DOLLARS) per SHARE has

been made and is PAYABLE at the

Company's Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings,

on or before 1st November, 1900.

Shareholders are requested when Paying

the above-mentioned Call to send to the

Company's Agents their provisional Share

certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, September 29, 1900.

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HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY,

LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited for the ALLOT-

ment of the UNDEVELOPED BALANCE

of NEW SHARES (4104 SHARES) DOLLARS

Five per SHARE Paid-up, PAYABLE on

the 1st November, 1900.

Tenders will be received up to the 20th

of October. No Tenders under seal will

be considered, and the Allotment will be

made preferably to Shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, September 29, 1900.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. A. JACK'S FURNITURE STORE

will be REMOVED to Des Voeux

Road, New Point, opposite the Offices of

the P. and O. S. N. Co., on or about the

30th inst.

Owing to the decorations not being com-

plete, business will not be transacted at the

new building for two or three weeks, but

will be resumed at an early date. Custom-

ers are respectfully requested to call at

or send communications to Nos. 27 and 28,

LEE YUEN STREET EAST, their temporary

Store.

Hongkong, September 27, 1900.

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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, the Agents,

nor the Owners of the British Str.

'ADATO,' will be RESPONSIBLE for

any Debt Contracted by the Officers, En-

gineers or Crew during the Steamer's stay

in Hongkong Harbour.

Hongkong, October 3, 1900.

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TEBRAT PLANTING COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL

CALL of \$1.00 per SHARE has

been made in respect of the Shares not

fully Paid-up, and that such CALL is

PAYABLE on 5th October next, to the

Undersigned at the Registered Offices of

the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road

Central, Hongkong.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Nook—Hongkong Marine leaves for San Francisco.

Meeting.
4 p.m.—Gymkhana Meeting at the Happy Valley, Race Course.

Miscellaneous.
3 p.m.—Spoon Competition of Hongkong Rifle Association.

Goods per *Melpomene* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
SUNDAY, October 7—
9 a.m.—Hawaii excursion to Macao.

MONDAY, October 8—
Goods per *Luna* undelivered before Noon, subject to rent.

Goods per *Sarmita*, undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, October 10—
Goods per *Odessa* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

THURSDAY, October 11—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

6 p.m.—Meeting of St. Mary Magdalene Chapter.

SATURDAY, October 13—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

WEDNESDAY, October 17—
Final Call of 50 Shares on B. Shares of the Olivers' Trust Mining, Limited, due.

THURSDAY, October 23—
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

TUESDAY, November 1—
Second Call of 50 Shares of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., due.

Opium Quotations.
Hongkong, October 5, 1900.

New Patna, cash, 980.

Old Patna, cash, 987.

New Benares, cash, 987.

Old Benares, cash, 987.

New Malwa, credit, 810/800.

Allowance, Tals, 1/1 city.

Last Year, 840/800.

Allowance Tals, 1/1 city.

Old Malwa credit, 870/800.

Allowance, Tals, 1/1 city.

Persian, Oily, cash, 880/800.

Allowance, Tals, 1/1 city.

Persian, Paper tied long, 880/800.

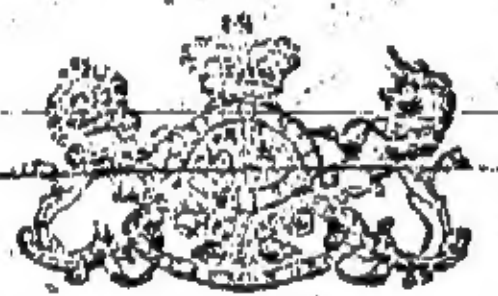
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Yellow Dragon.

No. 1, Vol. II.

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B.—WATSON'S GLENOROHY, MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 10.80.

C.—WATSON'S ABERLOUR, GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 12.00.

D.—WATSON'S H.E.D. BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule, 14.40.

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THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENOROHY are high-class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the Market.

ABERLOUR-GLENLIVET is very old Peat Whisky, (smoked) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

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DIED.

At Foochow, 1 p.m., on the 3rd instant, **ARTHUR WALKERLEY WALKERMAN**, aged 51. Deeply regretted. Highly respected.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1900.

Editorial Comment.

One phase of the present political situation in China is likely to lead to trouble.

IN THE SOUTH. It is believed that the Reformers, against whom the wild force of the Dowager Empress was hurled, and in whose temporary downfall the Emperor came to grief, are now eager to take action. This desire on the part of the Reformers, which apparently became evident at Wuchang or Hankow as a very inappropriate time, appears to have driven the Viceroy Chang Ching-tung to adopt extreme measures, and heeded several Chinese who were Reformers so-called. An idea now pervades the province of Kwangtung that now is the time to take action; and if the Reform Party accurately appraises the apparent tendency to discord shown by the Allied Powers, there may be some reason to dread the return of the Reactionary Party to power (with the bloody Empress Dowager at its head). But would it not be well for the Reformers to pause? The night signs of hesitation as to the Empress Dowager's reinstatement are worth noting. Her day is done, and her power is once for all at an end—whatever Russia and Li Hung-chang may do for her. An important portion of the programme of the Allied Powers is, to break the power of the anti-foreign party, and to encourage the reforms for favouring which the real Emperor was deposed. It is, therefore, to the interest of all the loyal Reformers in work in unison with the Allied Powers, instead of giving trouble before the time. It may be alleged that the threatened rebellion in the South of China is confined to the anti-Manchu secret societies. And so it may be. But an uneasy feeling is abroad, and many who are supposed to know dread any overt opposition on the part of the Reformers, or any section of the Reform party, at the present time. It would be well, we think, if some steps were taken by the Reform leaders to restrain any premature action for the present, and await events. The civilised world is now bent upon seeing that the late Emperor's will is carried out, and that the Western Powers have pledged themselves to restore order, as well as to punish offenders and initiate reforms. If, therefore, the Reformers—and their followers insist upon an active show of force against the present rulers in the provinces, they will not only embarrass the Allied Powers in their efforts to introduce reforms into the administration of China, but they will probably bring ruin upon themselves. A word to the wise, etc.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Yellow Dragon.

The School magazine of Queen's College appears in a new guise this month, the counterfeits presentment of the emblem of Chinese authority which has decorated the cover in past numbers being superseded by a bold representation of the fabulous monster from which the magazine takes its title. The number commences a new volume, and the editor in an encouraging note hopes it will surpass its predecessor. The profit on the first volume has been utilized for the most commendable purpose of encouraging the boys in their various sports. The contents of the magazine are contributed by the scholars themselves and some of the articles are very creditable. One boy describes a trip up to Weehow, and there are interesting school notes on the studies and pastimes of the readers.

The Boers in China.

The wily compositor had us again last night in the announcement in our special telegram that two thousand Boers attacked two battalions of the Allies near Peking. The Boers have turned up unexpectedly in many places of late and only a week ago we heard of two thousand of the worthy Dutchmen at Lorenzo Marques. It is a far-fetched, however, from Delagoa Bay to the capital of the Middle Kingdom, although we have transported a goodly number of our stubborn enemies a few thousands of miles on the journey, in landing them at Colombo. Were it not for the fact that our compositors even unto the pig-tailed representative of the most advanced type, we would be inclined to the belief that they were fantasizing a deeply-laid scheme to create dissension among the Allies and prevent the further progress of the punitive expedition. There being no adequate excuse for these errors beyond the carelessness of our typists, we can only offer our excuses to our readers, and seek comfort for ourselves in the thought that though our troubles in China are great there is no place on this earth—

Where the compositor can be caught by the Editor's eye at rest.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The Cable Companies intimate that all Japanese lines are now restored.

A boy who stole a jacket from a small-footed sewing woman was ordered, to-day, to receive twelve strokes with the birch.

The two coolies charged with the murder of a coolie at the China Sugar Works, last month, have been committed for trial.

A Bad One Caught.

A Chinaman was seen last night bending over a drunk bluejacket and rifling his pockets. A lagoon arrested him and found him to be possessed of burglar's tools both on his person and in his house. He was ordered to suffer three weeks' imprisonment.

Union Church Sunday School.

The Sunday School will be reopened on October 7th, at 4 p.m., when an address will be given by the Pastor of the Church. Parents are urged to co-operate with the Superintendent and Teachers by having all Children present on the Opening Day.

Children present on the Opening Day, at least roll-looks may be revised, and arrangements made for commencing the actual work of the School without delay. Children not yet members of the School are cordially invited.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

March—'Left Right'—Tune—Overture—'Crown Diamonds'—Auber.

Selection—'Le Cloche de'—Planquette.

Valse—'Valse Mad'—Ziehrer.

Dance—'Polka'—Scharwenka.

Selection—'Carmen'—Bizet.

EXTRAS.

Ballad—'May Day'—Sullivan.

'God save the Queen.'

The Search for Opium.

Mr. Hazledan at the Magistracy to-day, took exception to P. C. 90, a European, looking on during an officer's search for raw opium at Kowloon City, yesterday. He ought, he said, to have taken part in the search. We understand that the police have never had to search for opium hitherto, but have merely gone to suspected houses to protect the excise officer, and see that there was no underhand work done either by the officer or by the occupants of the house. If the constable has to take part in the search who is to do the detective work?

Victoria Recreation Club.

The handicap for the 200 yards swimming race to take place at the V.R.C.'s Bathing Shed Kowloon, to-morrow, is—

N. H. Alves, 100 yds, 3 seconds.

W. A. Stopper, 100 yds, 3 seconds.

C. Gregory, R.W.F., 100 yds, 3 seconds.

H. E. Moor, 100 yds, 3 seconds.

A. E. Alves, 100 yds, 3 seconds.

(100 yards V.R.C.)

Champion.

A. A. Alves, 200 yds, 22 do.

(200 yards Champion) of the Colony.

Mr. G. Caldwell will act as starter and Judge, and Messrs Hazledan and Yule as time keeper and check starter respectively.

Justing Chairmen.

Lance Sergeant Kendall gave evidence, at the Magistracy this morning, against six chair coolies for obstructing the roadway and annoying Europeans by pressing around offering their chairs for hire. It seems that for some time the back many complaints have been made about the coolies who frequent the Tram Station behaving themselves in this fashion. The other day His Excellency the Governor and some other people stepped off the Tram, and on emerging from the Station, they were immediately surrounded by officious chair-coolies, including the prisoners, thinking, no doubt, to reap a golden harvest from such a distinguished party. It was almost necessary to perform some acrobatic evolutions before getting out of the crowd of jostling chairmen. Seeing the plight of the illustrious party, Lance-Sergeant Kendall went forward and arrested six of the offenders. They were fined the usual sum and warned not to repeat the offence.

Posted by Thieves.

Bhola Singh, an Indian watchman, complained, at the Magistracy to-day, that he was very much annoyed at Laitchikok by Chinamen stealing and breaking things of which he had the charge. Six locks went missing the other day, but he succeeded in getting hold of a man suspected to be one of the thieves. He was holding the man by the queue when he (the captive) took out a knife and slashed himself by cutting the queue off, leaving it in the hands of the astonished Bhola and taking to his heels. Bhola had a companion, however, a well-trained and faithful dog, which at once bounded after the runaway and stopped his career. Bhola then gave the man in charge. He was brought over to the Magistracy to-day. The prisoner lodged a cross-summons against the Indian for assault, alleging that it was he who cut off his queue. While at the Magistracy, Bhola detected another of his tormentors, who had probably come to watch the case, and promptly had him arrested. The case was adjourned till Monday.

YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

And behold, as the years rolled on, men, manners and things underwent mighty changes in the City by the Sea, but the methods of government remained in the old beaten track, which like the roads of the Celestial Empire contained deep ruts which it was easier to follow than to strain the Government team by an attempt to pull the Coach of State on to smoother ground, an attempt which would involve much mending of harness, and greasing of axles, which had creaked along without attention for years; for each teamster said to himself, 'Wherefore should I do this, my pension is secure anyhow, and the man on the box seat will take all the credit, and will care naught for me or my friends.'

And it came to pass that the new School of Physicians had made researches and had discovered an organism which existed and had been cultivated in all Government Offices allied to the Celestial and Anopheles, which fed upon old musty records and red tape, and whosever was bitten or inoculated by this organism developed the melody of seeing mountains with one eye, mole-hills with the other (which came to be known as the Crown Colony red tape worm disease), often accompanied with aggravated symptoms of swelled head, especially after a visit to the dominions of the Queen of Victory and lengthened interviews with Under Secretaries and permanent officials of the Colonial Department.

And so far no cure had been discovered by the Physicians for this malady which, together with the bubonic plague, had established itself in the City, at times raging with extreme virulence, especially when any proposal was made tending to improve the lot of the citizens or to improve increased efficiency on the public service.

And it came to pass that there broke out in various parts of the dominions of the Great Queen, and the City by the Sea being a great storehouse and coaling station, enquiries were set on foot by the citizens as to the measure of defences which had been provided for them by the Ministers of the Great Queen in consideration of the many talents of gold furnished by the City, and which had to be purchased on a constantly-falling silver exchange owing to the interested folly of Ministers contracting debts in gold to be paid for in depreciated silver, the current medium of the City and the neighbouring Empire with which it did much trade.

And lo! it was discovered that in spite of the many promises made as to the arming of the great forts with the modern guns of power, descendants of Ananias had been found to have sold the guns and the intelligence, for it was found that no modern guns were in the forts, and this had to be acknowledged in the Parliament of the Great Queen.

And the law was very strict, no citizen being permitted to visit the forts, but a Committee of Deputies under a famous ruler, had been formed, containing civilian citizens, so that they could assure the people all was well; but the existence of this Committee was ignored and soon forgotten by all but a few of the people who had permanent interests in the Colony.

Now the civilian officials and the military both bated to have citizens to know what was going on. And when trouble arose with the Northern portion of the Celestial Empire, the citizen volunteers had to be deprived of their poor antiquated M.L. seven-pounder guns to send with the soldiers of which the City was denuded, to rescue the Minister of the Great Queen who was besieged in his Legation by the savage hordes of the 'unruly Manchu woman.'

And it was discovered that the City, though called a great Arsenal, was destitute of coal, guns, and supplies, and a feeling of high-toned panic spread among the people, and stories of risings amongst the Celestials in the city and the territory were rife, yet Government prevented the people going armed by rigorous statutes, and rained the arms trade to the great benefit of cities of other nations.

Now some citizens said, 'Government was right, and others said 'they were wrong,' but the Government never chose to give an inkling of their reasons for so acting, which would have played sore feeling, if at all reasonable; and much nonsense was talked by officials in private, but they had not much knowledge of business outside of obstruction. And the Home Government shirked their manifest duty.

Now full details of everything necessary for them to know had been forwarded to the Home Government by private Associations and Chambers of Commerce, warning them what would and did happen as they predicted, but they shut their ears and would not pay any attention to more merchants, who therefore sold their ships.

And the poets remarked that the elegantest substitutes had mingled with the sailors, and these were the result, together with smoke fireworks and the spending of many millions.

Ministers sought the people by saying 'there are good usages.'

This is always successful, with a potentative unscrupulous people who are much given to discount chances.

And to distract the attention of the people the Ministers of the Great Queen dissolved the Parliament saying the question is, 'Have we done well or ill in the

matter of the Republic of the Southern Cross, well knowing there was only one answer possible for the people to give, but it was necessary to import new brains into the Council of the Empire and to drop and reward those who were worn out by the strain.

This should have been done sooner, but under the Party system principles had departed from politics and people recalled the words of the great Leader from the Castle of the Field of Hata, and it was seen that he never had believed in political principles but only in expediency, as the people of the City knew to their cost. For the City had never before been ruled to such disadvantage.

And piracy, rapine, outrage and murder, also insults to our Flag, increased in the neighbouring Empire and on the rivers thereof, on the River of Pearls and the Rivers of the North and of the West where steam craft of the Citizens were frequently attacked and pirated, yet nothing was done save firing at mud banks, though there were small fighting craft in plenty available.

And the rulers of the three-coloured flag nation sent their gaudy and sought cause for interference through their interests were small, but they said one to another 'Johnny is as absorbed by South African affairs, trouble in Ashanti, and elsewhere that he has forgotten about the City by the Sea, and his people do not know its importance. Behold our opportunity!'

And there was no statesman with any grasp of the situation on the spot.

For the notorious Viceroy Li was received in the City and spoke honeyed words to the Bully, but the subjects of the Great Queen in the far North would have naught to say to him, for they remembered Sochow and the years that followed, and many of them were well versed in all that took place in the Viceroyal Yamen at Tientsin, for money could buy the information, and there was much at stake.

And behold the great Steelcraft returned from his far-flung business tour, but the people did not enthuse over the return, for the loom tens, with a name like unto the sweet-smelling Hawthorn, had held the balance and pulled hard so that the great glitter of the foreign community, whose speech was like unto the feel of the witch-hazel or the Balm of Gilead, had been nearly forgotten by the bulk of the people except for reminders in the public prints, but there were some among the foreigners who said 'Hodi mihi cras tibi,' and these had not forgotten the words of the High Priest—'Magna est veritas et prevalebit,' spoken when the black shadow of Ananias had hovered over the City.

Now this was not the fault of men but of system, for all departments were run on wrong principles so that, after a time, men who knew all about their own business found themselves acting head of a totally different branch.

Houses rent went up by leaps and bounds, a Food Commission was appointed, the report of which will probably appear about the Greek Kalends. This is characteristic of the City by the Sea.

The great Cleaning Department held its Free and Easy meetings as usual, and was duly snubbed by the powers that be, and the Western Friars became an insular wilderness and gibb was the portion of everyone, notwithstanding the few coolies who sprinkled the thirty-ground with hains. Sea water not allowed, though within easy reach. Fresh water prohibited in the Dragon peninsula, but raised charged all the same.

And the cause thereof was known to everyone, and the price of the wind-blower invented by the man Boots went to a premium in the City for the periodical monsoon had not set in so that wind could be turned to profit, when water failed.

For the Secret Council deemed it of much consequence that the annual Budget should be *le jour de rage*.

And there was much heart-burning among the Citizens on the question of *deputes*, for the man Rhodes (not Cecil) spoke hasty words in the Sanhedrin, and the people murmured.

And their representative on the Glancing Board spoke winged words which were unanswerable, and unanswerable, and the man Rhodes lost his temper, but the people said we can wait till Election time is over, then peradventure our words may be hearkened to should it be necessary to address the Great Chamberlain of the Great Queen's Council.

And the Spirit of the Ruler was grieved within him, for he knew that he had been deceived about the people of the City, and he made use of the language of the Psalmist not in haste but at leisure. And the end was not yet.

Bad Complexions often come from Coffee Drinking. Pearly Skin on Ladies' Cheeks can be had only from good Blood. Postum Cereal Food Coffee makes red Blood. For Sallow Mutual Senses, H. Rozzokate and H. Tai.

TELEGRAMS.

THE POWERS AND CHINA.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

LONDON, 3rd October.

THE KAISER'S REPLY.

In reply to the Emperor of China, the Emperor William declares that the only adequate expiation for the deaths of Baron von Kettler and the Christians is the proper punishment of the responsible parties. The Emperor urges the Chinese Emperor to come to Peking, where Count von Waldersee will receive him, with fitting honours and will give military protection. Peace must be accompanied by full atonement.

LATER.

FRANCE'S NOTE.

The *Morning Post* says that France's note to the Powers suggests the immediate opening of negotiations with China. Russia, Germany and Japan support the note.

THE COST.

Further estimates have now been made of the total cost of the China Expeditionary Force. The initial expenditure, including the hire of vessels, the cost of commissariat supplies, clothing, land transport, repairs, and medical arrangements, is placed at just over two millions sterling. The monthly recurring expenditure is estimated at £12,000, including the pay of the troops and the cost of rations and grain.

CHINESE EXPLANATION OF THE TROUBLES.

There has been on sale in the Colony during the past few days a many-colored lithograph which is described as 'A Map of the Present Situation,' and which has found a ready sale among the Chinese. The work is excellently executed and shows to what perfection the printers of the Far East have attained in their profession. The picture is printed on thick white paper with brass protectors top and bottom, and is meant for hanging up in a room. It takes, in Chinese characters of course, that it 'explains itself at a glance without treading.' The picture is accompanied by a key in rhyme which begins with the words, 'What is the trouble about? The following is a rough translation of the context. What is suspected? The present situation is clearly seen at a glance. You see Russia, like an enormous ferocious lion, she shows her teeth and claws, and tramples on Spain, Shensi, Liaotung and Chihli. She robs Manchuria and Mongolia, and desires to swallow Korea, and fixes her eyes on Port Arthur. If she is allowed to use her teeth, a portion of the land will be trampled down by her. She kills anyone who opposes her, and destroys any village she goes to. She despises the lives of Chinamen more than sand and mud. It is feared that France will conspire with her. You see she stretches her thighs and legs like a large tiger, strongly occupying Annam, and saying that Siam is even at her disposal. She clutches at Szechuen, Yunnan and Kwangchow, and embraces Kwangchow. She even says that Kwangtung and Kwangsi will be required by her. It is feared that if the frog croaks the provinces of Szechuen, the two Kwang and Yunnan will not be worth talking about. Therefore, England like a large tiger opposes it by squatting on the Two Kwangs with an oath that she will never lose them. She lies with her whole body on the Yangtze, and stretches her tail to occupy Waihaiwei. She prevents the Russian bear from coming Southwards, and pretends to be sleeping by keeping the left eye open and watching all the time. She watches the hungry American eagle coming across from the direction of Luzon. Even there is Japan which, although of one people with China, cries like a pair of lips shouting death. Although of one people with China, have they not actually taken Formosa from China, and like the sun, are they not throwing their rays over the integrity of China? Oh! I could laugh, and yet I must cry to think of the small crab with its salt ananias. Its portion in Macao is very arid. It has even spread a net before itself so that no one will trample on his feet or interfere with him at all. In another place he is reading a book full of humbug. He offers you big stone weights to lift and speaks with which to try your prowess, but it is all useless. Oh, mankind, all you think about is your golden tooth. For never mind any other business. You have a big punch round your waist and you don't know that outsiders are looking at you with a ferocious eye to divide your country among them. Trouble may be in store for you at any moment. Trouble is at the door and it is no easy to get over now. When will you (Chinamen) ever wake up your minds to do something for yourself? The picture is rather good in design and the different countries are represented by the animals mentioned in the key. It is a little difficult to recognise a tiger as Britain's representative. According to the picture the bear would seem to be a mongrel lion-bulldog-tiger-cat. The bear is a very much looking animal. Germany appears in the form of a snake.

THE HONGKONG GARRISON.

Ready for any Emergency.

So many changes have taken place recently in military circles in the Colony, and there has been such a boisterous flow of transports through the port, that to the majority of the Colonists the garrison has become a nameless and unknown quantity. At the commencement of the troubles in the North the garrison was depleted by the departure of detachments of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, the Hongkong Regiment, the Hongkong-Singapore Battalion of Royal Artillery and other details. Subsequently, however, the numbers were reinforced by arrivals from India, but some of these were merely visiting. A little over a week ago the Japanese Landers disembarked at Kowloon, and there were expectations that that crack regiment of cavalry was to winter in the Colony, but like the Arabs of old they have picked up their tents and 'silently stolen away' to the North, and all that remains of them is a few invalids and followers. Other regiments that lingered here on their voyage north have also contributed a few sick men to mark their visit. The augmented garrison of the Colony now numbers over 4000, and comprises three Indian Regiments of the line, detachments of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Garrison Artillery, Royal Engineers, Hongkong-Singapore Battalion R.A., Hongkong Regiment, and the other units which go to make up a complete garrison. The Royal Garrison Artillery numbers approximately over 300 men, the Royal Engineers exceed 100 men and the 3rd and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Welch Fusiliers have a representation of over 450 men. The Hongkong Regiment has gone to the front, leaving behind a depot staff and recruits, over 60 in number, and the men of the Hongkong-Singapore Battalion of the Royal Artillery in the Colony number 900. There are over 30 of the Royal Army Medical Corps here and about the same number of the Chinese Subaltern Mining Company. The three Indian Regiments are the 22nd Bombay, the 3rd Madras Light Infantry and the 5th Imperial Hyderabad Contingent, all of which are quartered at Kowloon, which has become a regular military camp.

THE ELECTIONS.

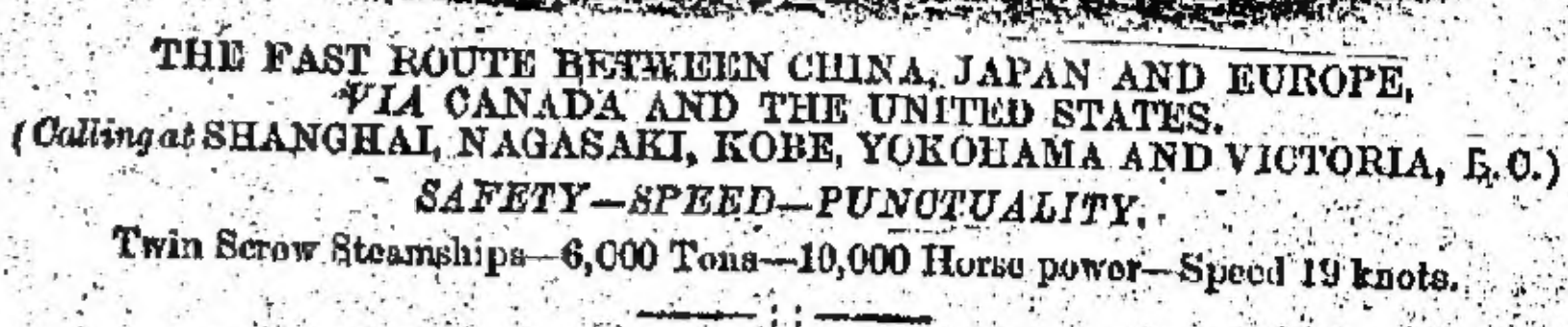
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LONDON, 3rd October.

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